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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 15, 2004  
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action November 15, 2004, please amend the  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.